

Interior ministers arrive for parley

Kingdom, Morocco sign security pact

RIYADH, Feb. 20 (SPA) — Interior ministers of the Kingdom and Morocco signed here Saturday a cooperation agreement during a meeting between Interior Minister Prince Naif and his Moroccan counterpart, Idris Al-Basri.

The agreement will regulate the exchange of security expertise, training and follow-up, in addition to opening talks for an agreement to govern the exchange of criminals between the two countries, Prince Naif said after the meeting.

Talks focused on two major topics: follow-up of discussions which began in Morocco last year and signing the agreement, the interior minister said. "Cooperation between the two ministries dates back to many years. However, this agreement will regularize matters," Prince Naif said.

He added that the agreement calls for a committee, comprising both sides, to meet at least twice a year in Saudi Arabia or Morocco. The meeting will be held under the chairmanship of the interior minister of the country hosting the meeting, he added. The proposed committee will follow up cooperation between the two countries, he said.

Speaking about the Arab interior ministers' conference which opens here Monday, Prince Naif said that it is a limited conference assigned a specific topic, which is the establishment of the Arab Interior Ministers' Council, an implementation of the resolutions of last year's conference.

The statute for the council has been prepared, he said, adding that it will be submitted to the Arab League after approval by the interior ministers. The council will hold its first meeting in September in Morocco, Prince Naif said.

The Moroccan minister said the meeting with Prince Naif was an opportunity for consultations to adopt one path. He said he has certain proposals in regard to the agenda of the interior ministers' conference.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji, interior undersecretary; Abdul Aziz Aba Al-Khalil, assistant undersecretary for administrative affairs; Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, director of public security; Gen. Muhammad ibn Hallal, frontier corps director general; Maj. Gen. Muhammad Al-Balla, special forces commander; Brig. Muhammad

Al-Heili, director general of the internal forces academy; and other officials. The Moroccan side also comprised a similar delegation of senior officials and the ambassador to the Kingdom, Dr. Zeinabidin Al-Alawi.

Meanwhile, Arab interior ministers started as of Friday night to take part in the extraordinary conference which opens Monday.

Iraqi Interior Minister Saadoun Shaker said that the conference will study interior ministries' affairs at the Arab nation's level, to coordinate efforts and cooperation in preserving security.

Sudanese Interior Minister Ahmad Muhammad Abdul Rahman said the conference will promote further relations between the officials. He hoped that the interior ministers would realize the aspirations of the Arab nation, especially as security is given priority as the main base for many other activities.

The ministers arrived in Jeddah and were welcomed by Deputy Makkah Governor Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen. They proceeded to Riyadh Saturday, where they were received by Prince Naif; Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam; Dr. Ibrahim Al-

Awaji and senior military officials.

Prince Abdullah meets Iraqi aide

RIYADH, Feb. 20 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, received Iraqi Interior Minister Saadoun Shaker here Saturday.

Bilateral relations and issues of common concern dominated the meeting, attended by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwairji, assistant deputy commander-in-chief of the National Guard. Shaker is here to take part in the extraordinary conference of the Arab interior ministers.

Somalia granted oil worth \$125m

JEDDAH, Feb. 20 (SPA) — An oil agreement was signed here Saturday between Saudi Arabia and Somalia, under which the Kingdom will supply 360,000 tons of crude oil worth \$125 million to Somalia.

Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, minister of posts, telegraphs and telephones, signed on the Kingdom's behalf, while Somalia was represented by Abdul Rahman Abu, minister of finance.

Later, Abu told SPA that the Saudi Arabian government is keenly anxious to help his country in its vital economic projects. Dr. Kayyal stated that the Kingdom helps its Muslim brothers, inspired by the sublime Islamic faith. He added that the Saudi government hastened to allocate this quantity of crude for Somalia, and authorized the Ministry of Finance and National Economy to pay the value to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA).

The objectives of the mission are to pro-

Governor continues visits to flooded Tihama villages

ASIR, Feb. 20 (SPA) — Asir Governor Prince Khaled Al-Faisal continued his inspection tour of villages and areas which suffered from floods last week. Accompanied by Deputy Communications Minister Dr. Nasir Al-Salloum and other officials, the governor visited areas where communications networks had been severed due to the floods.

The helicopter tour included several villages in the Tihama escarpment. Prince Khaled stopped in Mahail where he met with the emir of several areas.

The governor began his tour Friday and visited the affected areas conveying King Fahd and Crown Prince Fahd's concern and their instructions for immediate relief. Many areas in Tihama, the Southern Region, were hit by floods after the worst rains seen in

the region last week. The emir of Mahail commended the visit and said that it will help lift the people's morale.

Prince Khaled visited the Mahail hospital where he was briefed on the services provided to the victims of the floods. He urged the officials to double their efforts in saving the victims. The officials also explained the Health Ministry's efforts to improve the overall medical care to residents.

During his flight, the prince inspected the damage done to the main road network linking the escarpment to the Asir region. Later during the day, Prince Khaled visited Qatnah where he met with citizens and conveyed the King's sympathy. He promised them repairs to the damaged roads and the grant of assistance to all who suffered from the floods.

Indian team to boost rubber sales

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 20 — An Indian rubber delegation, sponsored by the Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council, will arrive here Feb. 24 on a five-day market

more Indian rubber goods and study market potential for bicycle tires and tubes, hoses and belting, automotive rubber components and industrial molded rubber goods. The delegation also negotiates with leading business houses for appointing agents for Indian manufacturers, the spokesman said.

The four-member team is headed by T. Eapen Koshy, general manager (export) of Madras Rubber Factory Limited. Other members include Ravi Khamra, director (marketing) of Hilton Rubber; Farook Vohra, in-charge of Zenith Rubber and Plastic Works; and Jayanta Bagchi, senior officer of the council.

He added that constant research, strict quality control and competitive prices have given Indian rubber goods a favorable place in the international market. In the last five years, India's rubber exports increased by nearly 300 percent, he said. In 1980-81, rubber goods worth Rs. 130 million were exported to the U.S., the USSR, Italy, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania and the UAE. The figure is expected to reach Rs. 160 million in 1982 and Rs. 500 million by 1984, the spokesman said.

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Agriculture will flourish in GCC states - minister

BEIRUT, Feb. 20 (SPA) — Agriculture and animal resources will flourish between Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states according to Agriculture and Water Minister Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh.

In an interview Saturday with the Lebanese magazine *Al-Mustaqbal*, the minister said that Saudi Arabia's strategic program in the agriculture and wheat production was going side by side with the other programs which aim at developing the country's animal resources as well as meat and dairy industries.

Meanwhile, Dr. Abdullah Al-Quwaiz the GCC assistant secretary general for economic affairs said that the council's activities are following a rapid pace owing to the sense of responsibility and the firm resolve of the members. He added that the GCC leaders wanted their countries to overcome any obstacles impeding their mutual cooperation.

He told the magazine that GCC states are working to integrate their efforts and to achieve maximum food security with a view to reducing food shortages as much as possible.

The dearth of agricultural potentialities of the GCC states does not necessarily mean that the latter's overall potential is employed as it should, he said. Saudi Arabia's agricultural experience, especially regard to wheat cultivation, showed that a good development

and increase of agricultural production is possible, he said.

In another development, the agriculture and water ministry has invited a number of specialist companies to bid for implementing the Qwayaya water project after completing the necessary studies for executing the project as a comprehensive plan.

The project incorporates digging of several wells at a site 40 kms. away from Qwayaya town. It will also provide for building a number of water tanks, main and branch pipelines, in addition to pumping stations.

The Qwayaya project will be executed along the lines of the Washem water plan which provides water to a group of towns and villages.

Khaled greets Gambia leader, receives Khalifa

RIYADH, Feb. 20 (SPA) — King Khalid Saturday cabled his congratulations to President Dauda Jawara of Gambia on his country's independence day. The monarch expressed his best wishes to the president and wished the Gambian people further progress and prosperity.

Earlier Friday, the King received at the royal camp near here Sheikh Hamad ibn Issa Al-Khalifa, Bahrain's heir apparent and defense forces commander. The meeting was attended by Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan. The Bahraini official later had dinner with the King.

BRIEFS

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Mosques allocated SR39m

SR70m school contracts let

RIYADH, Feb. 20 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwair Saturday signed contracts totaling SR70 million with a number of national firms to carry out projects in various educational zones in the Kingdom.

The projects call for the construction of modern buildings to house 10 primary schools here, each comprising 18 classrooms. They also provide for the establishment of five 12-classroom intermediate schools and other amenities. These are Al-Mujahideen school in Makkah; Yanbu' Al-Nakhl school and Bawadi Al-Far's school in Madinah

zone; Barabe's school; and a school in Taif district.

In another development, Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments, has approved the commissioning of 28 mosque construction projects in Qasim at an estimated cost of SR39 million.

The projects include 11 mosques in Beka'ah; nine in Unaizah; and the rest in Beka'ah, Riyad Al-Khubra, Badae, Qawarah, Muthannab and Fawarah.

Muhammad Abdul Rahman ibn Sulma, director general for waqfs and mosques in the Central Province, said that these projects will all be implemented under the current fiscal year's budget, adding that the contracts have already been signed and the sites and being handed over to the executing companies.

Faisal to open sports session

RIYADH, Feb. 20 (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of youth welfare and chairman of the Arab athletic games federation opens the fourth session of the board of directors of the Arab amateurs, Boxing Federation here Sunday.

The deliberations will focus on the internal regulation of the federation, a resolution concerning the Arab boycott of the Iranian athletic teams and the stance of the Arab federations on inviting Israel to the Asian Boxing Championship to be held in Korea.

In a separate development, the secretary general of the Lebanese Association for Field and Track Games, confirmed Saturday that the Kingdom's general presidency has decided to help the association's fund with SR1 million, to enable it to revive the games and to take part in various Arab and international sports activities.

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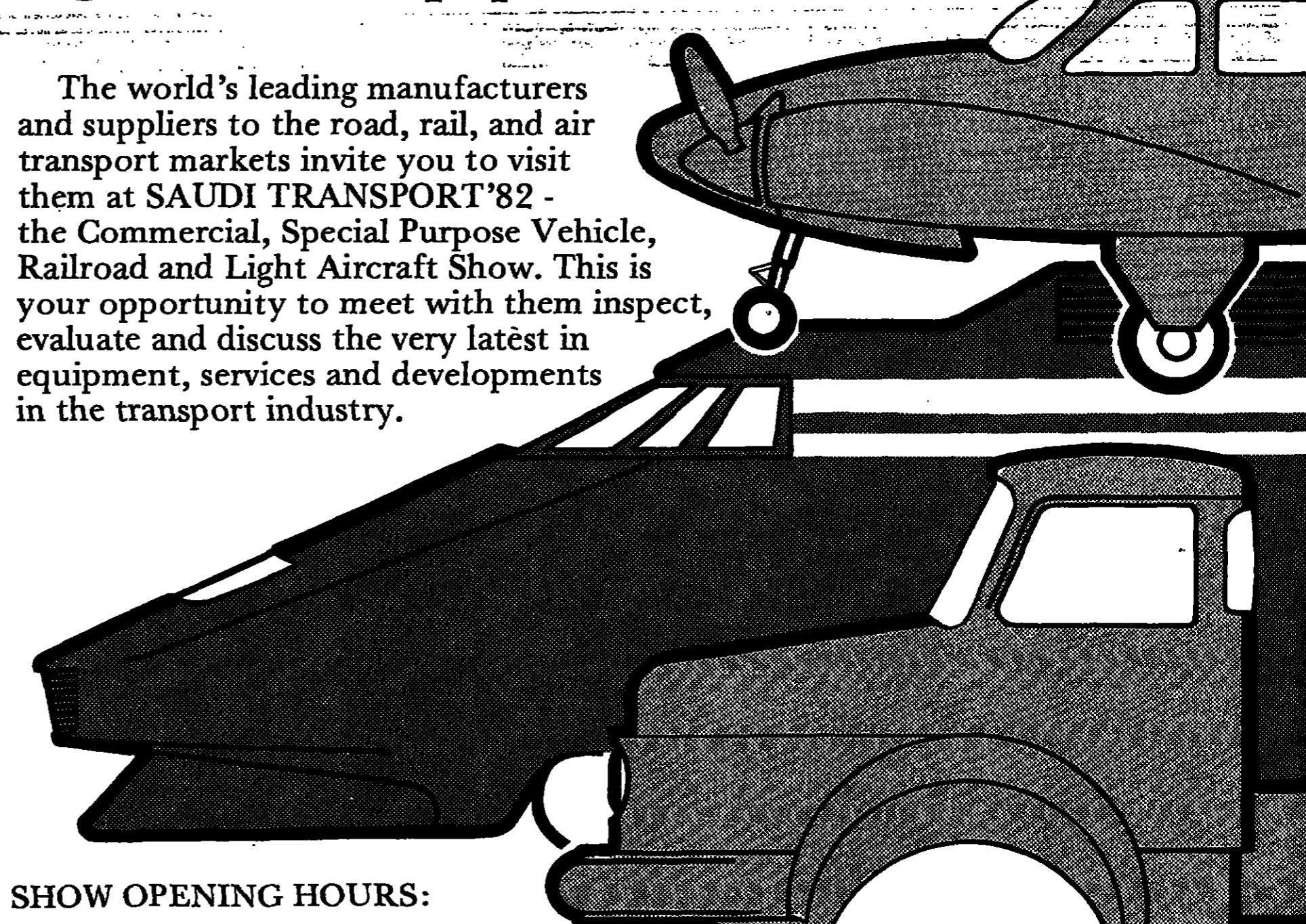
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Jurisprudence Academy, held in Makkah last week at MWL headquarters. The meeting was attended by MWL Assistant Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Safwat Al-Saqqi and Assistant Secretary General for Mosque Affairs Sheikh Ali Mukhtar.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Salem Sunbul, Foreign Ministry's chief of protocol, received Saturday a copy of credentials of the Niger ambassador-designate.

They were accompanied by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water. The visiting team will meet with the board of the Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry and businessmen.

The visit to the port was part of their tour of the Eastern Province at the invitation of the agriculture and water ministry to inspect the local methods of import in addition to holding talks with Saudi Arabian businessmen and officials of the Saudi Ports Authority and the Customs Department. Talks will involve promoting cooperation and exchanging expertise in procedures of export and import of agricultural products.

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Habib's Mideast trip delayed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AFP) — Fighting in Syria between government troops and the Muslim Brotherhood appears to have made the United States postpone a planned trip by special emissary Philip Habib to the region, despite U.S. fears of imminent Israeli military intervention in south Lebanon.

Habib, to whom President Reagan has given the job of consolidating the ceasefire in Lebanon, would leave for the Middle East next week at the earliest, a State Department spokesman said Friday. Syrian accusations that the United States was implicated in the 17-day-old uprising at Hama, northern Syria, had dashed hopes of arranging a meeting between Habib and President Hafez Assad, U.S. officials said.

The view here is that there would be little sense in sending Habib unless he could meet Syrian leaders, because the presence in Lebanon of Syrian ground-to-air missiles is alleged to be a threat to the fragile Lebanon ceasefire concluded last July.

The U.S. government is taking very seriously threats made over the past few days by Israel that it would not tolerate any further "violations" of the Lebanese ceasefire by the Palestinians. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem

Begin, to back up his assertions, sent Gen. Yehoshua Sagiv, head of the Israeli Military Intelligence Service to the United States 10 days ago.

Gen. Sagiv brought documents to tell Secretary of State Alexander Haig that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in Lebanon was preparing for attacks against Israel. Gen. Sagiv's mission, backed up by unconfirmed information reaching Washington of Israeli military reinforcements along south Lebanon, has caused concern among U.S. experts.

Bahrain stresses Palestinian role

MANAMA, Feb. 20 (AP) — The ruler of Bahrain has laid singular stress of Palestinian participation in current and future contacts for a Middle East settlement.

"Peace can never be achieved in this region without the Palestinians, who are the main victims and whose case is the crux of the problem," Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa said. Apparently reflecting the main Mideast policy line adopted by Bahrain and its five allies in Gulf Cooperation

Council (GCC), Khalifa made the statement during a meeting with Robert White, a member of the Associated Press Board of Directors. White arrived Tuesday on the first leg of a Gulf tour.

The other point stressed by him was the GCC's philosophy of cooperation for world peace and prosperity with the United States and the international community at large.

"We want nothing but peace, and we have no wish for anybody's enmity," he said.

U.S. to sell F-5 jets to Tunisia

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — The Pentagon has told Congress it plans to sell Tunisia 12 F-5 jet fighters to give that country an air defense which it now lacks.

The purchase of six F-5E and six F-5F fighters will cost Tunisia about \$200 million, the Pentagon said Friday. "Tunisia has no interceptor aircraft and no air defense capability at present," the Pentagon said in a statement supporting the proposed sale. It described Tunisia's planned purchase of these interceptors as part of a five-year program announced by Tunisia to modernize its armed forces. The F-5 is a short-range fighter used by many countries.

Mubarak visiting Israel next month

CAIRO, Feb. 20 (AFP) — President Hosni Mubarak will make his first visit to Israel as Egyptian head of state on either March 17 or 24, the press here reported Saturday.

Mubarak proposed the two dates and now Mubarak is deciding which one he prefers. The *Al Gumariah* newspaper said the visit would be from March 16-17. While flying back from Muscat, Oman, Wednesday, Mubarak said the date had not been fixed. It will be discussed when Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir met in Cairo Feb. 22, he added.

U.S. court blocks deportation of Afghan refugees

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20 (AP) — Twenty-nine Afghan refugees, who say they fled certain death in their homeland and dire poverty in India, won a reprieve Friday from deportation and freedom from the U.S. air Force barracks where they had been kept.

Administrative Law Judge Bernard J. Hornbeck told the refugees to return for individual family hearings in April and May on their applications for asylum in the United States. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service denied their applications last week.

The refugees say they would be executed in Afghanistan, where they say they have seen family and friends killed by government and Soviet troops. They added they fear that India, which does not want them, will send them back to Afghanistan.

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Thousands of Iranians killed, wounded by Iraq

NICOSIA, Feb. 20 (Agencies) The Iraqi forces crushed an Iranian attack launched Saturday in the Bostan region in southern Iran, killing and wounding thousands of Iranian troops, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

The agency, quoting a communiqué from the Iraqi Military High Command, said a quantity of enemy military hardware was destroyed and a large number of troops captured. It added that Saturday's offensive by the Iranians near the international border some 80 kms northwest of Ahwaz, the capital of Iran's southern oil province of Khuzistan, was the third since Thursday and that the Iraqis beat back all three offensives with the help of armor, jet fighters and helicopter gunships.

The village of Bostan, a few miles east of the border, dominates a vital supply route of Iraqi troops occupying chunks of Iranian territory.

story in northern and southern Khuzistan since the breakout of the Iran-Iraq war Sept. 22, 1980. The Iranians retook Bostan Nov. 28, 1981, disrupting the supply line. They used Bostan as a staging point for raids behind the Iraqi lines and inside Iraqi territory.

The Iranians had received "considerable reinforcements following their defeat in the Bostan region," following the Iraqi offensive Feb. 7, INA said, adding that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had been present during the Bostan operations.

Fresh fighting erupted Feb. 6 when the Iraqis said they dislodged the Iranians from Bostan in a surprise attack in which Iraqi war communiques claimed more than 7,700 Iranian troops were killed. War communiques issued in Tehran claimed, however, that the Iranian forces were still holding out, adding that the attack had cost the Iraqis more than 2,000 troops.

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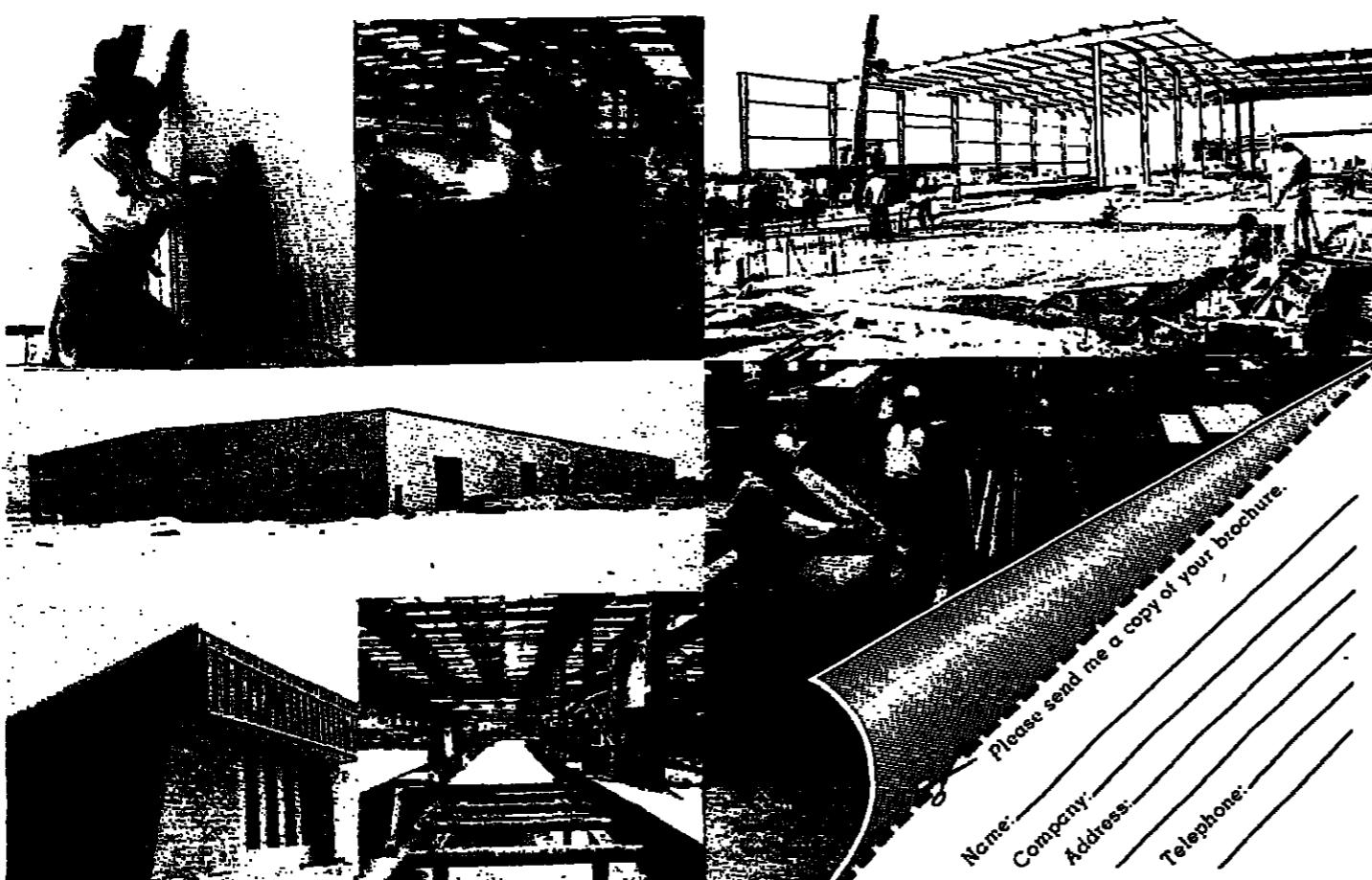
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UAE urges French role in solving M.E. crisis

ABU DHABI, Feb. 20 (AP) — The crown prince of the United Arab Emirates pressed French Minister of External Affairs Claude Cheysson Saturday for "a French role" in a solution to the Palestinian problem.

France should play a role vis-a-vis the Palestinian cause, on the premises of the principles of righteousness and justice adopted by the French government," Maj. Gen. Khalifa Bin Zayed, who is also UAE defense minister, told Cheysson. The French minister, who arrived Friday night for a two-day visit, was received earlier by President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan, who also demanded that France "stand on the side of righteousness

and justice and support the rights of the Palestinian people for establishing their independent state on their homeland and soil."

"European countries, particularly France, must differentiate in their attitudes and policies between the aggressor and the victim of aggression," Sheikh Zayed said. The statements were distributed by the UAE news agency WAM, which quoted the French minister as saying he had "described the broad outlines of France's global and Mideast policies" to Sheikh Zayed. Cheysson said he conveyed a message from President Francois Mitterrand with an invitation to Sheikh Zayed to visit France.

Official trip Tuesday

Qaddafi, Bourguiba to hold talks

TUNIS, Feb. 20 (AP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi will arrive in Tunisia Tuesday on an official visit, government sources said Tuesday. The sources said Qaddafi was making the trip at the invitation of Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba and that the visit marked a warming of relations between the two Arab states.

Relations between Tunisia and Libya became strained two years ago after an aborted uprising in the southern Tunisian mining city of Gafsa. Tunisia claimed the militants who

N. Yemeni president visits Oman

the reconvening of the Arab summit in Morocco.

Col. Saleh and Sultan Qaboos are holding official talks Saturday centered on bilateral relations and Arab and international issues.

The Yemeni leader is due to leave Sunday to resume his tour, which will take him to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar and Jordan.

BRIEFS

ANKARA, (AFP) — At least 23 persons died and seven were injured when a building housing customs services at the Iraqi-Turkish border post of Habur collapsed on two parked buses Saturday, official sources here reported Saturday.

PEKING, (AFP) — Moroccan Prime Minister Maati Bouabid, who starts an official weeklong visit to China Monday, believes the world is threatened by "hegemonism and imperialism," he told the Chinese Communist Party newspaper "People's Daily" in an interview published Saturday.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Israeli soldiers Saturday used tear gas to break up a pro-Palestinian demonstration by some 200 Israelis at the West Bank town of Ramallah, north of here, eyewitnesses said. The demon-

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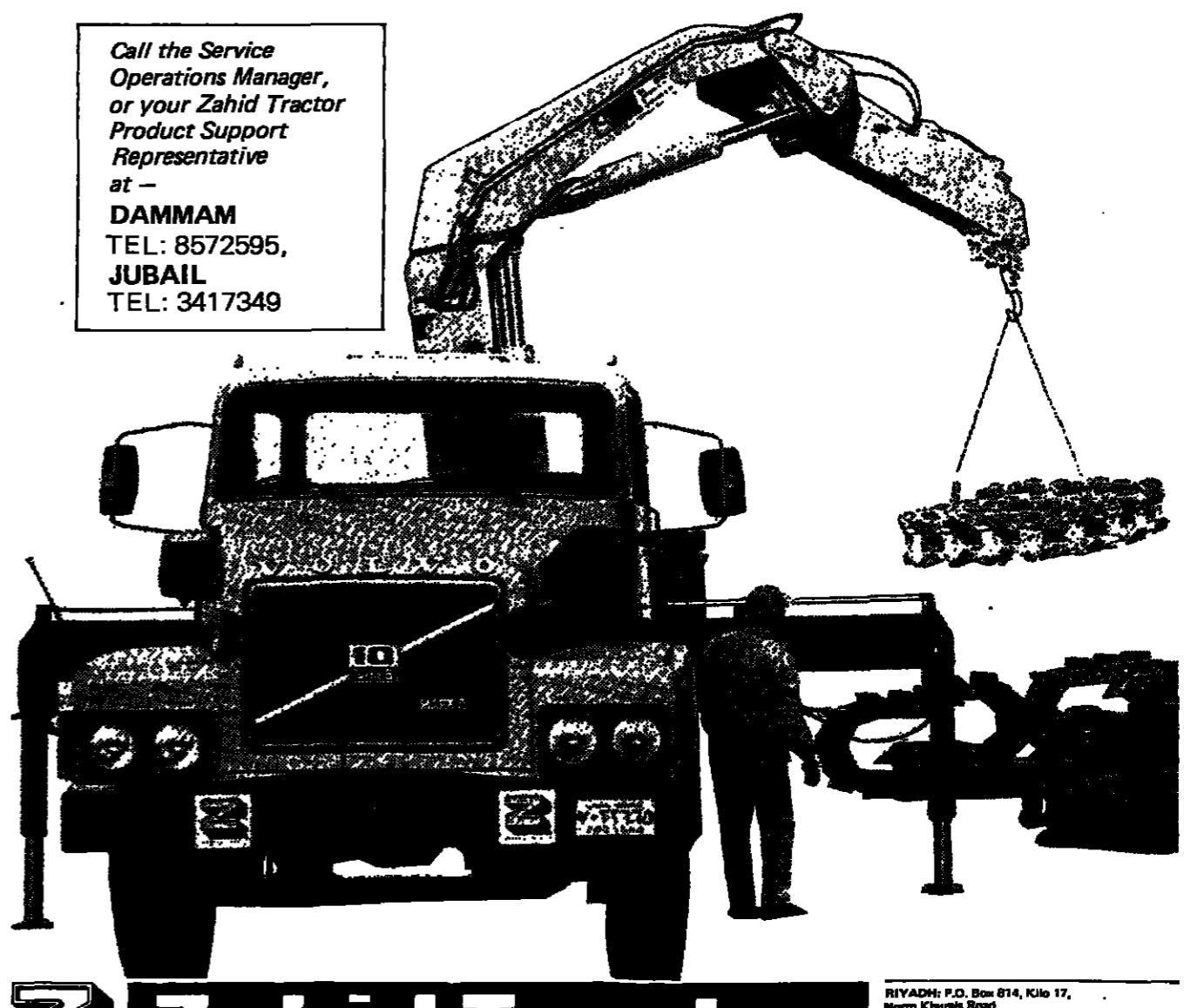
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"If it works for East Beirut, then it must work for the Western sector!"

This is at least the slogan raised by the Lebanese National Movement, the framework gathering the various political parties groupings, active in West Beirut, as it decided to levy taxes on the area's inhabitants. The money is needed to finance those municipal and other services which have been discontinued or severely curtailed almost from the time of civil war.

Over in East Beirut, the Lebanese Front and its armed extension, the Lebanese Forces, have been collecting taxes from citizens, in the interest, so the Front says, of "steadfastness," as well as of performing those same services which the national movement intends to offer.

The head of the movement, Walid Jumblatt, had up to now resisted pressure from member groupings to levy taxes in the area, considering this an infringement of the privilege of the central government. He has condemned the practice of the Front on this ground, describing it as extortion.

But the pressure on the National Movement to do likewise has increased recently, owing to the failure of the central government to discharge its duties to West Beirut. Roads there have remained unmended, electricity and water supplies continue to be erratic and telephone and postal services in need of capitalization and organization.

Observers of the Lebanese political scene have expressed the worry that the movement's intention to gather taxes to meet such requirements might also mean a *de facto* recognition of the division of the city, and then perhaps of the country. The signs are that grave developments appear to be on the way in Lebanon, so that the movement's timing on this matter could be linked to them.

Saudi Arabian press review

The biased U.S. Mideast policy good conduct with friendly nations.

Al-Jazirah hailed the strong relations between the Kingdom and North Yemen and bailed these ties as a model that should be followed by the Arab states to achieve a collective Arab front.

Okaz urged the Arab states to unify their ranks, speed up Arab solidarity to face the Zionist and superpower challenges. "The question is to be or not to be," said the paper.

Al-Bilad welcomed the upcoming meeting of the GCC interior ministers which starts in Riyadh Monday. The paper observed the conference will draw up the joint Arab strategy in facing any foreign challenges threatening the stability and welfare of the Gulf peoples. The meeting is an additional asset in the series of meetings of the Gulf region witnessed for the enhancement of its political, economic and military potentials, the paper said.

Al-Nadwa praised the forthcoming efforts of the Islamic Goodwill Committee to bring peace between Iran and Iraq. Putting an end to the 18-month hostilities between Iran and Iraq will ensure saving bloodshed and enable them to join effectively the Arab and Islamic collective front to face the dangers threatening the Arab and Islamic world, the paper said. (SPA)



Soviet dissidents' plight remains despite Helsinki accords

By Mark Frankland

LONDON — The plight of Soviet dissidents who criticize or try to modify the way the Soviet system works is dramatically worse today than when the Helsinki agreement — that the West hoped might help them — was signed six years ago.

There was always the suspicion, when the two halves of Europe exchanged glibly embraces at the conclusion of the Helsinki Final Act, that it might mean no more than a temporizing kiss of peace between rival gangs. And last week's meeting of the Helsinki review conference in Madrid did deteriorate into a diplomat's version of gang warfare, with both sides finding convenient weapons in the Final Act itself.

The West was able to seize on the numerous clauses in the Act's so-called Basket One on human and civil rights and hurl them at the martial law Poles and the Russians. But the East had just been presented with a fine cudgel in the shape of the American defense secretary's annual report. Weinberger said that restrictions on East-West trade were essential to the survival of the West: Western strategy "must see to it that the productivity and technological creativity of free societies are not exp-

loited to make good the chronic deficiencies of the Communist system".

This was not easy to reconcile with the undertaking in Basket Two on economic and scientific cooperation "to promote...the expansion of mutual trade in goods and services, and to ensure conditions favorable to such development".

Helsinki may have come down to political warfare, but harsh words never hurt a diplomat. In Russia, the dissidents have been badly hurt. No one could have imagined, when the Final Act was signed in 1975, that the Soviet authorities would either silence or drive underground almost all the dissenting voices in their country. Yet this is what has happened over the past two and a half years.

In this period, some 550 persons have been arrested for political or religious offenses. The hardest hit — about 250 — are members of religious denominations who have come into conflict with the strict Soviet laws controlling religious practice. The remainder of those arrested are human rights activists or belong to national minority movements.

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High import barriers, cheap credit and frequent strikes of faltering industry led to a situation that in 1976 was described as "chaotic." Inflation was over 300 percent a year and the country had virtually no foreign exchange reserves.

The military's efforts to liberalize the economy have brought recession. That is part of modernizing an anachronistic system, according to the government, which promises an upturn during the second half of this year. Galtieri has said the course is set and there will be no backtracking. His interior minister, Gen. Alfredo Saint Jean, said: "The government is going to show the firmness necessary to overcome this movement, but not so much as to cause a social commotion."

But prices are rising more than 10 percent a month. That is one of the highest inflation rates in the world. Every morning before dawn, about 4,000 stevedores gather in the city's port section hoping for a day's work. Half of them leave disappointed. The dockworkers, like the automobile and textile industries, have been particularly hard hit by the recession.

The stevedores talk to reporters only on the condition that their names not be used. Arrests under the extraordinary powers have decreased considerably, but memories of wholesale repression during the late 1970s fresh in their minds. "Anything can happen," said one. "The milicos (a derogatory term for the military) keep squeezing and something is going to give." "This government is not concerned about the people. They never look down," said another man who said he had not worked in three months.

"Let's say 7,000 port workers hit the streets, carrying signs and chanting." He crossed his wrists and made the sound of handcuffs snapping shut. "Clack. They throw you in jail, or worse, shoot you like a dog." Another said, however: "Sure people are afraid. But hunger is stronger than fear." (AP)

Some Argentines are not waiting. In early February, about 50 women marched through Rosario, a city about 250 miles north of Buenos Aires. They beat on pots and pans and shouted slogans against the high cost of living and unemployment. "We're not going to take it anymore," they cried out.

The government has expressed its concern. The labor minister, Gen. Julio Porcile of the Air Force, was quoted in Buenos Aires newspapers recently as saying, "Unemployment worries us in government as much as it does the unions. Because if no solution is found, we're all of us — businessmen, unionists and government — threatened by violence."

The government of Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri, who replaced Gen. Roberto E. Viola as president in December, is trying to revolutionize an economy that for decades was nationalist and populist.

U.S. army runs campaign on chemical war

By Peter Pringle

WASHINGTON —

The U.S. Army has been secretly running a massive propaganda campaign to support its new chemical warfare production plan.

American journalists, academics and key members of the Reagan administration have been "targeted" by a special army task force charged with promoting "positive public CW (chemical warfare) awareness". The army's campaign scored a major victory earlier this week in persuading Reagan that production of new lethal nerve gas weapons was "essential to the national interest." The president has told Congress to go ahead with production of the new weapons, thus clearing the way for an end to a nearly 13-year moratorium on their manufacture. The new program could cost up to \$8 billion.

If Congress approves the Pentagon budget request to build the new weapons — a 155mm artillery shell and a nerve gas bomb called Big-Eye — the plan is to put the weapons into Europe. According to chemical warfare experts here, Britain is the preferred storage place and France is the likely country where the weapons will be tested. No agreements have been made with either country.

It seems that neither President Reagan nor Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger needed much persuading of the need to meet what the army has described as an increasing chemical warfare threat from the Soviet Union. In his annual defense report, Weinberger devoted an entire section to chemical warfare asserting that the Soviet Union has achieved a dangerous advantage over the West.

The administration has also participated vigorously in publicizing the recent evidence of Soviet use of biological weapons in Southeast Asia. Both the Soviet's "advantage" and the evidence of their use of biological weapons have been challenged and there is, as yet, no conclusive proof of either. Desp-

ite its victory with the administration, the army recognizes that there is considerable opposition, both inside and outside Congress, to the nerve gas production decision. *The New York Times* said the president's decision to break the 13-year moratorium was "reckless...He does not need it or the trouble it will bring."

To counter the opposition, the army has secretly prepared a Chemical Action Plan, which notes that "an impressive supporting effort sectors" against the production of the new weapons. The plan lists 15 areas which the opponents' media efforts have developed and exploited." They include: "The immoral and inhumane nature of CW; the introduction of a (new) chemical weapons technology that will promote proliferation; and the fact that the principal target for the chemical weapons will be the civilian population since it cannot be protected."

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1849 — British forces defeat Sikhs in Gujarat state in India.

1909 — Bulgaria's Ferdinand visits Russia for financial aid.

1916 — Battle for Verdun in France begins World War I — longest and bloodiest battle of war in which more than one million were killed.

1919 — Bavarian Premier Kurt Eisner assassinated in Munich.

1922 — British protectorate in Egypt ends.

1941 — Allied forces land in Italy's African territory of Eritrea in World War II.

1964 — Attempted assassination is made on Turkish Premier Imset Inonu.

1970 — Swiss airliner bound for Israel crashes in Flanakar nuclear plant in Switzerland, killing all 47 persons aboard.

1973 — Israeli fighter planes shoot down civilian Libyan jetliner over Sinai desert, killing more than 100 persons. Israel claims the plane did not heed warning to land.

1979 — Egypt and Israel open another round of peace negotiations under U.S. auspices at Camp David, with Iran events complicating prospects for Middle East peace.

1980 — Merchants in Afghan capital of Kabul stage massive protest against Soviet occupation of their country.

1981 — Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov accuses Western nations of trying to reopen the cold war.

Thought for Today:
A sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use — Washington Irving, U.S. writer (1783-1859).

*Holiday in El Salvador?***Tourist bureau has 'image problem,' hopes to replace American income**

By Colin McSevney

SAN SALVADOR, (R) — In any list of the world's most daunting jobs those of Abraham Mendez and his colleagues at El Salvador's National Tourism Institute would surely come near the top. Their task is to encourage foreigners to holiday in a land now best known abroad for its daily round of indiscriminate political killings, bomb blasts and gunbattles between government soldiers and leftist guerrillas.

"There is no denying that we have an image problem but I am confident we are at last beginning to halt the slump in the number of visitors to El Salvador," said Mendez, the institute's deputy general manager.

The enormity of their task is reflected in the statistics graph of their latest bulletin

which resembles the ones in cartoons that plummet out of sight.

In 1978, before the violence mounted, 300,000 people visited El Salvador while provisional figures for 1981 show that this figure has fallen to only 60,000.

As a foreign revenue earner, tourism has far "outstumped" most of the rest of El Salvador's depressed economy, falling to eighth from third position in three years. Tourist revenue was \$20 million in 1978 compared with \$3.5 million last year.

American tourists, have proved the least willing to chance their luck in this Central American republic.

Apart from neighboring countries, the United States until a few years ago was El Salvador's biggest market, providing 45,000 visitors in 1978.

Kingdom's folk artifacts go on two-year U.S. tour

By Kay Hardy Campbell

WASHINGTON — For the next two years, thousands of Americans in several key U.S. cities, will have the opportunity to view the unique crafts of Saudi Arabian traditional every day life. An extensive collection of 150 Saudi Arabian traditional folk artifacts will soon go on a Smithsonian-sponsored tour of several United States cities.

"Bedouin and Village Arts and Crafts of Saudi Arabia" will open March 12 at the Memorial Art Gallery at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York, where the exhibit was organized from its inception.

The exhibit is based on the personal collection of Mr. John M. Topham of Rochester, New York. Topham spent several years traveling through the Kingdom on business, and gathered the unique collection in his spare time.

Woven artifacts are the highlight of the exhibit. Several types of tent fabrics, hand woven by bedouin women, along with blankets, and saddle bags will be featured. Included in the collection are household items once used in traditional bedouin homes, utilitarian objects from village and nomadic life, and handicrafts. Men's and women's traditional costumes are also featured.

The slump in tourism is also seen clearly in the hotels and restaurants of the capital which has seen much less violence in recent months than once was common. Hotel occupancy averages only 30 percent and a dozen hotels and restaurants have been forced to close through lack of business.

No figures are obtainable, but only a fraction of the nearly 200,000 people whose jobs ultimately depended on tourism are now in work.

"We have a nice restaurant with a pleasant atmosphere and tasty food but what can I do if there are no tourists about and local people are timid about coming out at night?" one owner asked.

While Mendez predicted no rise in foreign tourism in the short term, he said the slump had forced the institute to promote domestic tourism far more intensely and results are promising.

"All is not yet lost and we have great plans for when the political upheaval finally ends, as one day it must," he said.

DANCE ORNAMENT: A woman's agal dance ornament is an artifact dating from about 1900. It is made of tightly woven leather strips and silver beads. It is just one of many artifacts which will be displayed during a U.S. tour.

*Beating the overwhelmed system***Personal contacts are highly valued, on the subcontinent they mean a lot**

By Tyler Marshall

NEW DELHI, India (LAT) — Low on ready cash, a British traveler arrived in a dusty north Indian town recently only to be told the banks had closed 15 minutes earlier. "No problem," announced the traveler's taxi driver. "I have a friend who works at the State Bank."

Within minutes, the traveler had been ushered through the bank's rear entrance, given a cup of after-hours tea and had his traveler's checks cashed — all thanks to the personal bond between driver and teller.

Highly irregular by Western standards, the incident merely underscored the fact that routine incidents of life in South Asia turn on the personal touch.

As the age of computer telephone voices, self-service banking and industrial robots descends on the west, personal contact remains the grease that makes the subcontinent run, more important than official regulations, more efficient than modern technology.

Although the strong influence of personal contact is characteristic of many Third World societies, in most cases, the pressures of modernization usually diminish its importance.

On the subcontinent, however, it has proven surprisingly resistant to such change.

Whether making a long distance telephone call, booking an airline ticket, or simply expediting routine office work, the personal touch is usually a prerequisite for action, a lesson Khushwant Singh, a member of India's upper house of parliament, recently relearned.

After several hours of trying unsuccessfully to telephone Pakistan, India's Islamic western neighbor, Singh struck up a conversation with the international operator.

"The operator said he was a Muslim and had been trying for months to get a visa to visit Pakistan," Singh recalled. "I told him if he got the call I'd get him a visa."

The call was completed within minutes.

When New Delhi municipal workers arrived at a local factory recently to cut off electricity and water supplies because of delinquent payments, the owner charted amiably with them, occasionally dropping the first name of their immediate superior, a personal friend.

After a few minutes the workmen quickly decided other victims on their list for disconnections constituted a more pressing need.

Understandably the only thing better than a friend for expedience is a relative.

When a crowd of Western newsmen tried to bribe or beg their way onto an overbooked Indian airlines flight to Kabul in the first days after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the only reporter who got on that flight offered neither money nor rhetoric.

The journalist's boarding pass came compliments of an Indian Airlines ticket agent, who happened to be brother of the reporter's

"In times of need, they can call on such persons and ask for favors on the strength of their common provenance" Beteille said.

The sense of obligation inherent in any such relationship far exceeds that in the West, and foreigners are often stunned by seemingly improper requests of casual acquaintances.

One woman traveling to London from New Delhi was asked to bring back a complete set of crockery for 24.

Beteille believes personal relationships in urbanized India have retained their importance partly because of this obligation.

In the constant scramble for goods and services in a country where both are in critically short supply, a well-placed friend can provide a viral advantage.

"How else do you operate in a system where 30 people are vying for every different situation that comes up?" Beteille asked.

"If you just wait your turn, the likelihood of getting what you want is remote, so you try to beat the system," he said.

Foreigners quickly learn that in instead of making reservations early, the best way to ensure getting a ticket — whether it be to a popular movie or on a crowded flight — is to have a cup of tea with the agent or his superior.

The high value placed on friendships, coupled with their importance in an economy of shortages also has its seamy side: rampant nepotism and corruption.

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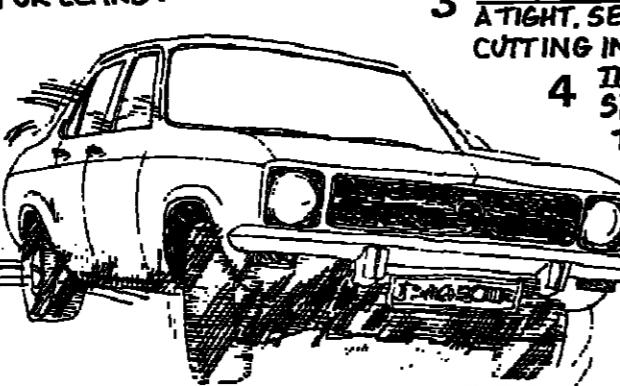
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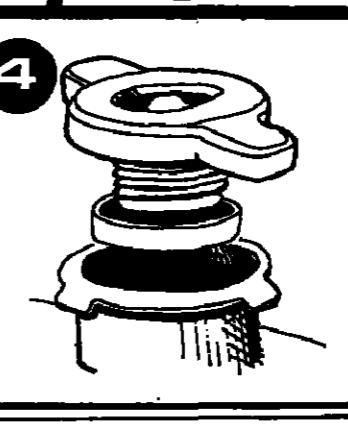
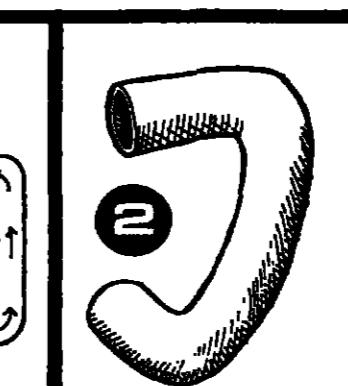
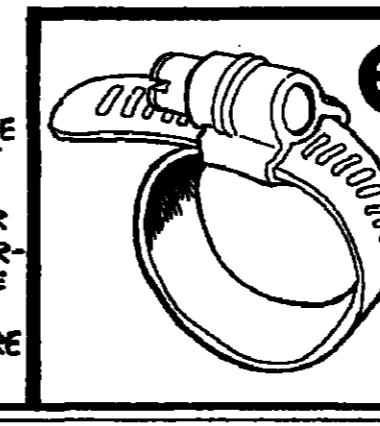
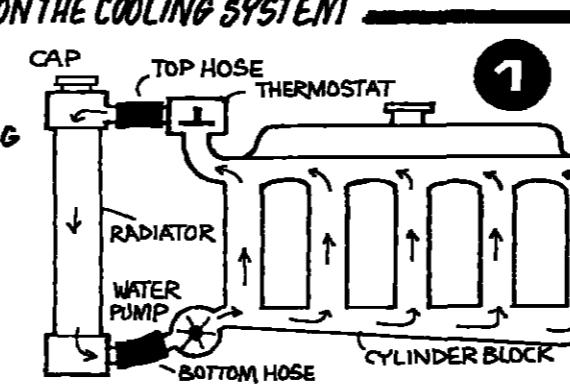
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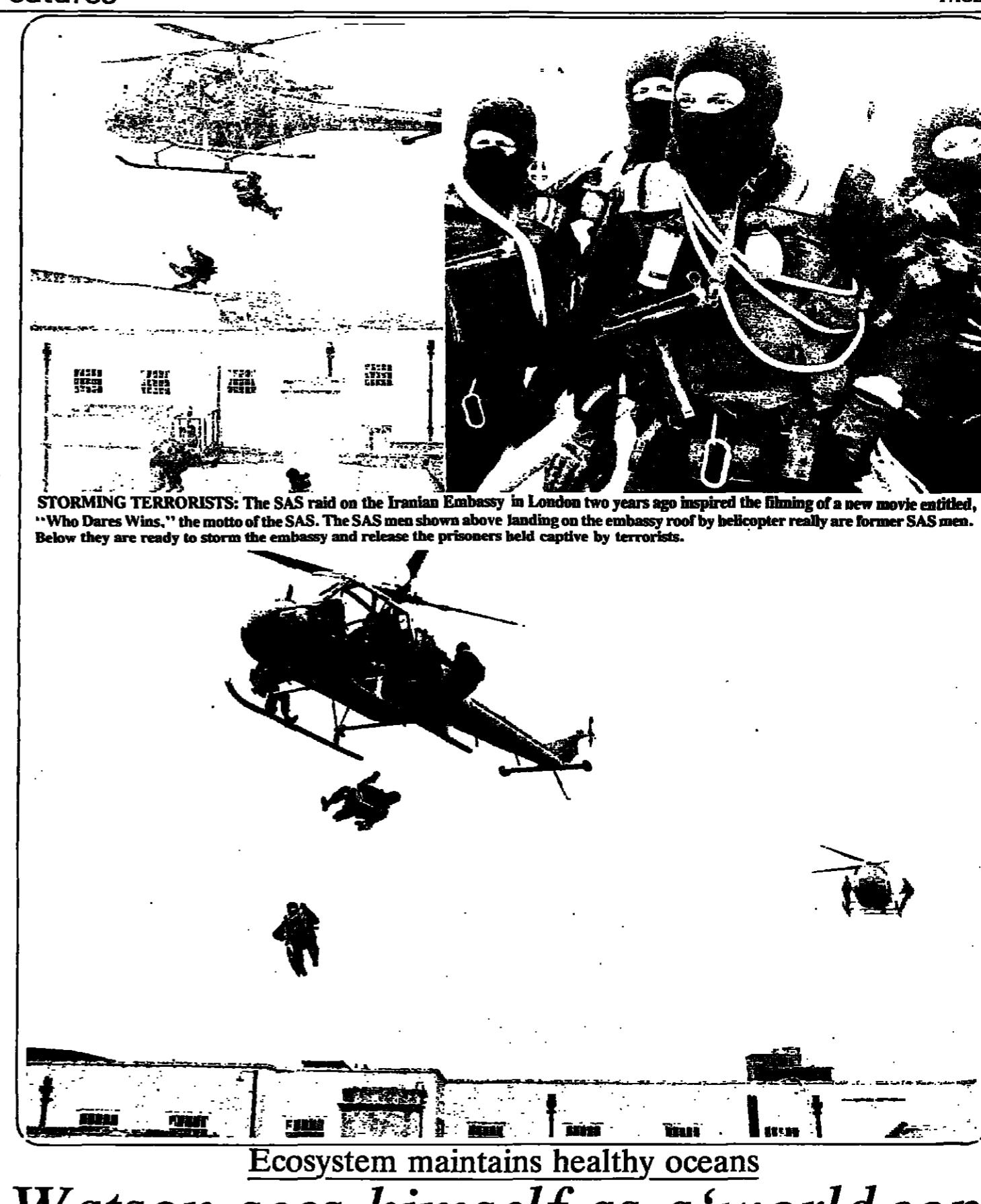
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MORE ON THE COOLING SYSTEM

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**Ecosystem maintains healthy oceans****Watson sees himself as a 'world cop' battling to protect all sea mammals**

By Paul Dean

Shepherd Conservation Society he heads.

The whaling industry is radical. If we're militant, so is everybody in the pentagon. And I don't think we're irresponsible, but very responsible. If men can risk their lives for pieces of real estate, who can condemn us for fighting from a sense of planetary duty to save a species?"

Elaborating, or possibly justifying his commitment, Watson says he is a soldier in a war to end the exploitation of all sea mammals.

He also sees himself as a world cop with neither mandate nor portfolio; a citizen arrester enforcing laws written by the IWC, which establishes quotas and seasons but is powerless to police them.

Group's Means Questioned

Save the whales. One people, one planet. The slogans and the ends are Watson's and about as difficult to disagree as they boy scouts oath. His means, however, have not been universally applauded by all governments and other environmental groups.

In 1977, he was cashiered from the Greenpeace Foundation — a group Watson helped expand — for getting physical with those seal hunters. The Portuguese and Spanish governments have warrants out for Watson's arrest on sabotage charges. His own Canadian government fined him, jailed him and stuck him with three year's probation for interfering with a federally-licensed seal hunt; an injustice, Watson says, that made him elect to live in self-exile in Hawaii and headquartered his organization there.

Conservationists Finance Him

On the other hand, conservationist journalist Cleveland Amory and his Fund for Animals have heavily financed Watson's ways, including ship purchases. So has Britain's prestigious Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and similar associations in the United States and Canada.

This privateer in a Royal Navy sweater and his vigilantes are talk-show regulars; Warner Bros. recently purchased film rights to Watson's autobiography; and there is no shortage of able-bodied idealists willing to pay \$1,000 for the privilege of joining Watson's crew. Enough blind eyes are being turned to *Sea Shepherd*'s shenanigans that the British government may soon reclassify the ex-cod trawler (a veteran of hot skirmishes in the Icelandic cod wars) as a "combat vessel." That will make it eligible for free berthing at world ports of call.

Japan Next Front

And soon Watson, his five-nationality crew and the *Sea Shepherd II* flying all five national ensigns, will slip their Honolulu mooring and sail for Japan's Iki Island.

They will arrive in time to interfere with the killing of an estimated 5,000 dolphins that Watson says will be pulped into animal fodder and fertilizer. They are prepared to slash nets, cut off herding boats and stand by a greased hull, fire hoses and barbed wire walls rising 10-feet from the *Sea Shepherd*'s gunwales.

The mission is no secret. Watson has served notice of its intentions on the Japanese government. In December, he picketed the Japanese consulate in Los Angeles with a demonstration somewhat short on dignity because it involved slicing the Japanese flag with a samurai sword — on Pearl Harbor day. In better taste, Watson wrote to Japanese Ambassador Yosio Okawara in Washington and offered to pay the fishermen of Iki \$100 for every dolphin spared during the upcoming season — a considerable markup on the going market price of \$85 per dolphin.

Watson has received no replies beyond an informal, spoken warning from a consulate officer that he will be "severely dealt with" if *Sea Shepherd* hampers the hunt. Will that mean shooting or military intervention?

The skipper thinks not. Watson believes his humanitarian cause is his protection.

Watson is the complete, consummate conservationist. He is a vegetarian and no meat meals are prepared on his ship. A woven hemp belt circles his waist because he believes no animal should do so that a man can keep his pants up. He does, however, confess to owning one pair of leather boots.

Saving sea mammals saturates his thinking. With little prompting he trotts out all the horror stories of seal pups being skinned alive, the shrieks from dying whales and the savagery of mother seals protecting their young.

Will the world really be brought to an end by the extinction of whales, dolphins and seals? Watson's eyes glow at such heresy: "To have a healthy ocean we have to have a healthy ecosystem. Sea mammals keep the oceans alive and if we don't save the oceans we're dead. Eighty percent of our oxygen comes from them. Climate control, food ... the oceans are essential to our survival on this planet."

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Tobacco smoke endangers smokers, non-smokers

By Sandy Rovner

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"The lung's defense mechanisms are really very fascinating," he says, "but even these

can be overwhelmed when exposed to excessive amounts of noxious agents."

The system, as we all know, starts with the nose.

"It humidifies the air we breathe, filters gross particles and brings the air to body temperatures. But smokers bypass this mechanism ... I tell patients that at least if they won't stop smoking they should try smoking through a nostril."

Other gross particles are filtered in the trachea, which subdivides into bronchi — major air passages — and keeps branching off into literally millions of tiny little air sacs called alveoli where the exchange of oxygen for carbon dioxide takes place.

The branching of the bronchi offers a defense in itself. But in addition, cells lining it include those secreting mucus and others with tiny, constantly waving hairs called cilia. "Anything that gets past the nose, past the bronchi network, can be trapped by the cilia and carried back out."

There are two distinct types of mucus in the passages — one type traps particles for the cilia to send back. The other dissolves water-soluble gasses, some of which are indoor air pollutants. This mucus also contains

antibodies that fight specific infections. Finally, in the alveoli themselves are found irregularly shaped mobile cells called macrophages. "They are scavenger cells attracted to foreign particles that get into the alveoli. They can ingest (these particles) and can kill bacterial organisms."

Smoking Effects Non-Smokers

All of this is important to know to understand, for example, why people who smoke or are around other smokers tend to get more upper respiratory tract infections than others.

Tobacco smoke, and several other substances including ozone and alcohol, can damage these denizens of the last line of lung defense.

Says Munzer, "the insidious effects of indoor pollutants are not merely that they are direct agents to the respiratory tract, but that they also interfere with the defense mechanisms of the lung, making the lung more susceptible to other offending agents."

Side-Stream Smoke A Culprit

Munzer, past president of the D.C. Lung Association, was a participant at a recent Lung Association seminar on indoor pollution.

Tobacco smoke is still probably the chief culprit for smokers and non-smokers as well. New studies have indicated so-called side-stream smoke in respiratory ailments especially in children of smoking parents as well as in adults with other breathing problems — Allergies, asthma, cardiovascular problems for example.

Many Other Pollutants

But there were also discussions of other common pollutants in the work place and at home, a situation exacerbated by efforts to conserve fuel and lower fuel costs.

Some of these were outlined by James Fraizer, staff officer on a recent major report by the National Academy of Sciences on Indoor Pollution by Joel Makower, author of *Office Hazards: How Your Job Can Make You Sick*; by Thomas Conry, a chemist with the Environmental Action Foundation; and James Repace, a specialist in indoor air pollution.

Poor Ventilation

Breathing the air in poorly ventilated offices and many homes is "like everybody in the house taking a bath in the same water," says Makower. Everyone's germs are shared. Toxic gases and radon, as well as fungi and molds, can come from building materials, synthetic materials, poorly maintained copying machines, old ventilation systems or new ones that are set down to conserve fuel. Asbestos fibers are ubiquitous in older buildings and fiberglass and other insulation can be irritating, if not as potentially deadly as asbestos.

Formaldehyde, which can cause dizziness, headaches, rashes and respiratory problems in the short run, and possibly even cancer in the long run, has become such a problem that a national organization devoted specifically to its victims has been formed. The group, called Suffer — for "Save Us From Formaldehyde Exposure Repercussions" — keeps members alert to new uses for the chemical. Formaldehyde is given off as a gas by many building materials, new flooring, paper products, fabric finishes and many other products. It is included in some products — room deodorizers, for example — because it deadens the sense of smell.

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Another Look

Good News and Bad News

By Robert Yoakum

Every year at about this time I provide a survey of good and bad news, as follows:

GOOD NEWS: The inflation rate is going down.

BAD NEWS: So is production and employment.

GOOD NEWS: Cures for cancer, heart trouble, arthritis, and many other diseases were announced this year.

BAD NEWS: The announcements appeared in the *National Enquirer*.

GOOD NEWS: Soviet troops didn't invade Poland.

BAD NEWS: They didn't have to.

GOOD NEWS: Mrs. Susan Benjamin, who lives in a Chicago suburb, received two 8-by-10 glossy and autographed photographs of President and Mrs. Reagan, a letter extolling voluntarism, and a recipe for crabmeat casserole.

BAD NEWS: Mrs. Benjamin, whose two sons have learning disabilities, had actually written to the president to protest budget cuts that threatened special education for the handicapped.

GOOD NEWS: As indicated above, President Reagan urged Americans to support voluntarism. He also asked the wealthy to boost their contributions to charity and appointed a panel to study the subject.

BAD NEWS: In 1980 the Reagans contributions to tax-deductible causes came to only \$3,089, or less than 1.4 percent of their \$227,968 adjusted gross income.

GOOD NEWS: More than 34,000 new books were published in the U.S. last year.

BAD NEWS: The average American earned less than \$5 an hour.

GOOD NEWS: The Arizona Department of Economic Security was asked to find piece goods workers who could do a rush job sewing 500 robes for a cobbler who identified himself as "an equal opportunity employer".

BAD NEWS: An investigation revealed that the employer was the Ku Klux Klan.

GOOD NEWS: A truck driver proved again that America is the land of opportunity by working his way up to a job that pays \$225,000 a year.

BAD NEWS: The truck driver is Roy Williams, who was under indictment for bribery at the time he was elected president of the crime-ridden Teamsters union.

GOOD NEWS: Polls once again showed a

majority of Americans favored stronger gun control laws — especially for handguns — and the Reagan administration supported a new gun control law.

BAD NEWS: The new Reagan law would weaken existing laws and abolish the Bureau of Tobacco and Firearms.

GOOD NEWS: The *New York Times Magazine* recently ran an article, entitled "What's Wrong with Reagan's Foreign Policy?"

BAD NEWS: It was by Zbigniew Brzezinski.

GOOD NEWS: A woman in the Rio de Janeiro suburb of São Gonçalo gave birth to a healthy 8-pound, 2-ounce baby boy.

BAD NEWS: She gave birth immediately after disrupting a wedding by announcing that she and the bridegroom — who was marrying someone else — had lived together for the past 10 years. A fight broke out between the families of the bride and groom, which continued until broken up by the police.

GOOD NEWS: President Reagan's cuts in domestic spending included some programs that were wasteful.

BAD NEWS: Cost overruns alone for 47 major weapons systems in one quarter of the past fiscal year were greater than all reductions made in domestic spending.

GOOD NEWS: The Tennessee Department of Public Health is handing out free pills.

BAD NEWS: The pills are potassium iodide tablets, to be taken — if time permits — in case of a serious accident at a nuclear power plant.

GOOD NEWS: A plan to increase economic aid from wealthy nations to the 31 poorest nations was worked out at a U.N. conference in September.

BAD NEWS: No timetable was set for providing the aid.

FURTHER BAD NEWS: The current level of such aid is \$6.7 billion a year — the amount spent annually by Americans on diet drinks.

GOOD NEWS: Americans are so well fed that in the course of a lifetime the average person will eat approximately 350 cows and 225 lambs.

BAD NEWS: ... for 350 cows, and 225 lambs.

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MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. U.: Perhaps your dosage of estrogens is too high. According to a recent regional symposium, the proper balance of lowered amounts of estrogen and progesterone may lower the probability of high blood pressure as a complication. Why not check the dosage with your doctor?

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Dear Dr. Steinrohn: Is it possible that my depression, which lasted over a year, was the reason why I became unhappy in my marriage and asked for a divorce? Now that I'm feeling better, both my husband and I would like to save our marriage. — Mrs. U.

Dear Mrs. P.: I hope it works out well. You, and others like you, should know that as many as 50 percent of all divorces can be traced to untreated depression in one or both partners. Depression may last for a year or longer. Rather than waiting for time to heal it, under a doctor's care patients should receive psychotherapy, antidepressant drugs and relaxation techniques.

The family physician should learn to detect depression in its early stages to prevent family and social disruptions. He should

suspect any patient who complains of many symptoms which do not fit into any recognizable pattern.

Here are some characteristic symptoms of depression often overlooked: loss of weight, changes in appetite, insomnia, irritability, loss of sex interest, palpitations and various aches and pains. These should arouse suspicion.

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Dear Dr. Steinrohn: My doctor says I need a hysterectomy. But instead of wanting to perform the usual abdominal hysterectomy, he advises that I have the vaginal operation. Isn't this a rare method of removing the uterus? — Mrs. U.

Dear Mrs. U.: Not rare. The abdominal route is usually chosen if a large uterine tumor is present or when ovaries are to be removed. One reason for doing a vaginal hysterectomy is because a prolapse of the uterus is present that requires repair.

Whatever the choice, the doctor has many reasons for deciding on his method of surgery. Incidentally, patients who have had vaginal hysterectomy usually have a shorter convalescence. They get back to work sooner.

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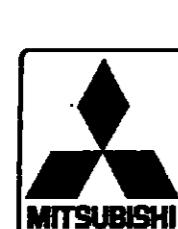
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As money supply dips**American interest rates decline**

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (R) — Interest rates fell back on U.S. money markets after the New York Federal Reserve Bank reported that the closely-watched M-1 measure of money supply declined by \$3.1 billion last week.

Yields on three-month treasury bills closed half a percentage point lower on Friday at 13 percent.

Foreign exchange dealers said the money supply figures hardened convictions that the Federal Reserve Board, the U.S. central bank, would not take actions pushing interest rates even higher.

The decline in M-1 surprised the financial markets, which had expected little change to be reported. It partially reversed some previous sharp increases, but M-1 is still running well above the Federal Reserve Board's target of a growth of between 2.5 and 5.5 percent.

Boeing makes maiden flight

SEATTLE, Feb. 20 (AP) — Boeing's newest entry in commercial aviation, the \$35 million twin-engine 757, made its maiden Friday, thundering off a runway at Renton Municipal Airport.

The blue and white plane was aloft for 2½ hours at the hands of two test pilots. The flight ended with a smooth landing at Paine field north of Seattle.

Thousands standing on the ground and on rooftops at the Boeing plant in Renton, south of Seattle, cheered as the plane rolled down the mile-long runway. It kicked up spray and nose in blue skies.

The craft climbed over Lake Washington and then banked and flew over Puget Sound. At the controls were John H. Armstrong, the pilot for the 757 program, and S.L. Wallick, the co-pilot who is Boeing's director of flight tests and chief test pilot.

BRIEFS

ATHENS, (AP) — Greece will save \$12 million on crude oil purchases from the Soviet Union this year following a Soviet agreement to drop its price for 529-million-ton consignment by \$1.5 per barrel. Deputy Commerce Minister Ioannis Papaspyrou said Friday. Greece will now pay \$33.85 per barrel for the Soviet-supplied crude instead of \$35.35 specified in an agreement signed earlier this month.

PARIS, (AFP) — The recent purchase here by a Japanese collector of 25 prints by the 19th century master Hokusai reflects Japan's desire to rebuild its national art collection, a French expert said here Saturday. Jean-Louis Picard ran the auction at the Hotel Drouot here last week when an anonymous Japanese collector paid 74,000 francs (\$123,000) to outbid American,

cent for 1982. William Melton, money market economist at Irving Trust Company of New York, said the decline "was better than expected, but the key question is whether this is a trend."

The price of gold fell in New York Friday to its lowest since September 1979, but recovered in late trading on the U.S. West Coast after announcement of the money supply figures. It closed at \$364.5 an ounce in New York, but was later traded at \$366.25 on the west coast. Traders said reports Thursday of gold sales by the Soviet Union had prompted selling by other holders of gold.

Meanwhile on Friday President Reagan reiterated his optimism that his economic program would result in lower interest rates in the next few months. Speaking to a group of editors at the White House, Reagan said he remained confident interest rates would

come down although there might be some fluctuations.

"Interest rates have come down..." he said. "And I think they are going to come down further in the next several months" as the program of further tax and spending cuts took hold.

The president said the interest rates "might be a little volatile here and there, but they are going to come down." He said this would help the two hardest-hit U.S. industries car manufacturing and home building.

Lower interest rates also would greatly please European leaders who have been complaining that the high rates paid by U.S. banks lure funds out of Europe, choking recovery there. Several major banks this week increased the prime rate, the rate at which they lend to their most creditworthy customers, by half a point to 17 percent.

Japan may lend U.S. \$50b

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AFP) — A Japanese-American businessman says that Japan's private sector may be willing to make the United States a loan of as much as \$50 billion to get the U.S. economy back on its feet.

The proposal will be examined Monday by the Association of American State Governors during a meeting of its committee for international exchanges, an association spokesman said Friday.

The idea was presented by U.S.-Asia Institute president Kay Sugahara, 72, and has been circulated by letter to all state governors by Florida governor and Association president Bob Graham.

Sugahara said he expected to receive a list of possible investment targets for his "partnership for prosperity" plan from the governors within two weeks.

Then he plans to go to Japan next month to present the list to the government and local businessmen, who he says are interested in

the plan. Sugahara said the Japanese loans could total from \$ 10 billion to \$50 billion, and would be restricted to "profitable" investments with a U.S. participation of at least 60 percent.

"What we want are projects that create jobs in America. It's the loss of jobs that create ill-will," Sugahara added, referring to some U.S. claims that Japanese competition is costing some Americans employment.

Defending the idea, Graham said the U.S. trade deficit with Japan "threatens to undermine the future of U.S.-Japanese trade unless it is redressed."

He added that the loan, at preferential interest rates, would be used on investments to bolster the U.S. economic infrastructure, such as port improvements or high-speed rail links similar to those in Japan.

An association spokesman said Sugahara would present the plan Monday as a better idea than others aimed at reducing economic tensions between the two countries, such as a Japanese "\$10 billion purchase of a regional meeting in Luanda.

The promoters of the project have not been identified, but the spokesman said they wanted to brush up the image of Japan in the United States.

The proposals was received with caution by U.S. officials here Saturday. A senior official concerned with trade questions told AFP the proposal "must not conceal the lack of access of American products in Japan" which he said was the "fundamental cause of the existing problems."

Pakistan to set up small car plant

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 20 (PTI) — After years of indiscriminate import of big and small foreign cars, Pakistan has now decided to go in for its own little car with Japanese aid. The country now makes cycles, assembles scooters and spent an estimated \$170 million on the import of 77,000 cars between July 1977 and June 1980.

Now initial approval has been given for a 542 million rupee project for the progressive manufacture of the Suzuki car as also van, pick-up and jeep. To begin with state-owned Pakistan automobile corporation (PACO) will assemble about 25,000 vehicles annually, but locally made content is planned to be raised to 80 percent in five or six years.

Under the proposed agreement expected to be signed in April, Suzuki will provide 1.5 million dollars by way of equity and \$10 million as credit for tools and jugs and another \$13.77 million in foreign exchange would be raised through loans.

China to keep control over oil production

PEKING, Feb. 20 (R) — China must use foreign capital to exploit its offshore oil reserves but it retains control of all resources and output, a Chinese oil official said Saturday.

Qin Wencan, president of the newly-formed China National Offshore Oil Corporation, told the *China Daily*: "In the areas we work in cooperation with foreigners, all the resources and output are owned by us. The size of the area and the choice of our partners are for us to decide."

China has just issued regulations defining the terms under which 46 international oil companies will be able to bid for rights to explore offshore areas for oil.

On Wednesday, Qin's corporation, which is in charge of bidding, exploration and development of any commercial fields, released detailed maps of the areas to be bid for. He said the program would "involve relatively great risks both technically and financially. China finds it difficult to undertake the task at present."

It has been estimated that financing China's offshore development program could cost \$20 billion. China has said foreign partners must fund the exploration phase entirely themselves. It will enter the joint ventures at the production stage.

Angola abounds in oil reserves

SALISBURY, Feb. 20 (AFP) — Angola's oil reserves are sufficient to meet a "substantial portion" of the needs of the black states of southern Africa, Zimbabwe Energy Minister Simba Makoni said Saturday on his return from a regional meeting in Luanda.

The one-week first meeting of the energy commission of the nine-nation Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) — which closed Thursday — had recognized that supplies of oil and oil products to the region were a matter of urgency, Makoni said. Presently, these supplies came from sources outside the region.

The energy ministers had therefore decided to carry out a study of regional needs, procurement, refining, marketing and pricing, and were seeking external finance to make the study, Makoni said.

He said that in addition to Angola's known reserves, there were strong indications of oil deposits in Mozambique and Tanzania, also SADCC members.

Malaysia to canvass tin cartel plan

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 20 (AP) — Malaysia is sending a special mission to tin producing countries to explain in detail its proposal to form a tin producers association. Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Musa Hitam told a news conference Saturday night.

The major tin producing countries are Indonesia, Thailand, Bolivia, Australia and Malaysia.

Minister of Primary Industries Paul Leong Khee Seong will visit Bangkok soon to discuss the proposal with Thai leaders. Musa told reporters on his return from a four-day official visit to Indonesia where the proposal for the association was discussed with Indonesian leaders.

The deputy prime minister described the response from Indonesian leaders to the Malaysia's proposal to establish the body and other alternative action to stabilize the tin price as encouraging. Indonesia had assured Malaysia that it would look into Malaysia's proposals in greater detail, he said.

He pointed out that since it was a new idea,

Dollar rates touch new low

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 20 — The dollar closed much weaker against almost all other major currencies in the Friday New York bourses.

The major effect was the release of the U.S. money supply figures which showed the first significant drop for this year. M1 fell back by \$3.1 billion for the last reporting week and the effect of this was to place greater pressure on dollar interest rates to ease further. Dollar deposits declined by as much as ½ percent in some instances, taking the one-month rate to 15 9/16-15 3/16 percent compared with 15 19/16 percent Thursday.

In the bullion markets, gold prices closed at a two year low with prices tumbling to \$367.50 levels Friday. Locally, riyal deposit rates were also weaker, with one-month JIBOR opening at 14 ½-15 percent but later falling back to 13 ½-13 ½ percent by close of business.

The release of the weekly U.S. money supply figures unsettled an already nervous money market that had earlier seen Euro-dollar deposit levels fall back by between 1 ½-1 ¾ percent on early trading. While the major U.S. commercial banks stuck to their higher prime lending rate of 17 percent announced in mid-week, yet broker loan rates were cut back by ½ percent and the Federal Reserve "Fed funds" rate closed at 14 percent — a fall of 2 percent over one

week.

The only uncertainty that remained concerned the size of the U.S. federal deficit and its likely impact on long term U.S. interest rates. This helped Eurodollar deposit rates remained at present levels otherwise the general feeling was for more falls. The one-year rate is now quoted at 15 5/16-15 7/16 percent — a full one percent drop over Tuesday rates.

In the New York exchanges, the Japanese yen was exceptionally strong at 230.50 levels which showed a 1000 points rise over early week rates of 240.10. The German mark was helped by buying support and commercial demand which took the closing rate to 2.3500 from 2.3800 and the Swiss franc was similarly helped to close at 1.8700 compared with 1.8900 levels.

In other currency news, the British pound was much stronger at 1.8600 compared with 1.8500 while the French franc moved up to 5.9800 from 6.0400 levels.

Locally, spot riyal/dollar rates opened at a rather optimistically high level of 3.4200-10 but later fell back 3.4195-05 as institution digested the results of the dollar's New York falls. In the money markets, riyal deposit rates fell back by the close of the trading session to take the one-year rate to 13 ½-14 ½ percent from 14 ½-14 ¾ percent on opening.

If it's De Beers, diamonds are forever

LONDON, Feb. 20 (AFP) — The South African De Beers diamond giant will handle marketing of most of the output from the huge diamond mine discovered at Ashton in Western Australia two years ago, if the Australian government agrees.

An agreement in principle along these lines has been announced by the Rio Tinto Zinc group which is involved in exploitation of the mine through its subsidiary C.R.A. This company has a 57 percent stake in the Ashton joint venture owning consortium. De Beers handles the marketing of between 70 and 80 percent of the world diamond market, including Soviet sales.

Dealers had feared that competitive marketing from the Ashton mine could upset the market which De Beers controls through strict monitoring of sales to diamond cutters. But the accord will not prevent Ashton from establishing its own cutting and polishing center in Australia, as it plans to do.

The agreement will be valid initially for five years after the beginning of production, exp-

ited in 1985. The deal gives De Beers rights over output except quality stones. De Beers will take 75 percent of the remainder, which will be low quality, cheap stones known as "Indian goods," and industrial diamonds.

The remaining 25 percent will be sold by Ashton on the world market. Rio Tinto Zinc said that quality diamonds will account for no more than 10 percent of total output.

Unofficial reports published in Australia, which the company has declined to confirm, have said that output could total 20 million carats a year. World natural diamond production currently stands at about 50 million carats.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 p.m. Saturday		SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	9.00	9.08	
Bangladeshi Taka	—	—	15.40	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	—	283.00
Canadian Dollar	—	—	—	146.10
Deutsche Mark (100)	133.35	133.20	146.00	
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.49	3.92	3.90	
Egyptian Pound	—	—	—	93.15
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15	93.40	
French Franc (100)	57.65	57.50	56.40	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	—	37.20
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—	6.50
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.40	27.50	27.50	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	—	—	14.95
Jordanian Dinar	71.40	71.30	71.25	
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	—	—	12.05
Moroccan Dirham (100)	58.50	60.55	60.55	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	—	31.75
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	—	41.65
Pound Sterling	6.40	6.39	6.39	
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.00	94.00	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	—	162.40
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	182.90	182.90	182.90	
Sudan Lira (100)	58.00	63.70	63.70	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—	3.422
U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.422	3.422	
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.00	74.90	74.90	

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Against Clipper

Johnsons turn the tide for Kings

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (AP) — The Kansas City Kings weren't in the best of shape when all they had was Johnson (Steve) and Johnson (Eddie). It turned out what they really needed was another Johnson.

Newly acquired Reggie Johnson came off the bench to score career-high 27 points and pull down six rebounds as the Kings trounced the San Diego Clippers 113-97 Friday night and climbed out of the National Basketball Association's Midwest Division cellar. Johnson, acquired in a trade earlier this week with Cleveland, scored 12 points in the third quarter.

Reggie King added 15 points. Steve Johnson 14 — plus a game-high 10 rebounds — and Ernie Grunfeld 13 to help the Kings to their second straight victory. After trailing by as many as six points in the first quarter, the Kings outscored San Diego 19-4 in the first six minutes of the second period to open up a 44-30 lead.

"Reggie Johnson will be playing center as much as possible," said Kansas City coach Cotton Fitzsimmons. "Reggie does a great job and we're delighted to have him. He's a good shooter from the floor and the line. He also grabs a lot of rebounds and blocks shots. He's lively, he'll run the floor, he's our type of player."

Elsewhere, the Milwaukee Bucks whopped the Cleveland Cavaliers 106-88, the Philadelphia 76ers downed the Utah Jazz 132-117, the Houston Rockets cooled off the New Jersey Nets 103-96, the San Antonio Spurs shaded the Denver Nuggets 126-121, the Los Angeles Lakers swamped the Golden State Warriors 126-106, the Boston Celtics beat the Portland Trail Blazers 127-117, the Atlanta Hawks outlasted the Seattle SuperSonics

127-122 in four overtimes and the Phoenix Suns trounced the New York Knicks 104-90.

Bucks, 106, Cavaliers 88: Sidney Moncrief scored all of his 26 points in the first three periods, helping Milwaukee extend its winning streak to 17 games, highest of the NBA season. The Cavaliers have lost seven in-a-row. Brian Winters, who scored 10 of his 20 points in the final quarter, made three straight baskets early in the period as the Bucks pulled away from an 80-73 third-quarter lead. "The streak is giving us confidence and a psychological boost," said Milwaukee center Bob Lanier.

76ers 132, Jazz 117: Julius Erving scored 24 points and Maurice Cheeks added 19 as Philadelphia rolled to its eighth consecutive victory. Utah's Adrian Dantley scored 35 points and Darrell Griffith had 34, a season high, but the Sixers broke open a close contest by scoring 16 points in the first four minutes of the final period, while holding Utah to only a field goal by Griffith.

Rockets 103, Nets 96: Moses Malone scored 34 points, including three in a pivotal quarter-spurt, helping Houston to its 10th victory in the last 11 games. The Nets led 87-81 with 7:36 left when the Rockets began a 14-2 burst.

Malone had plenty of help from Robert Reid, who held New Jersey's high-scoring Ray Williams to 13 points. "I can pat myself on the back that I held down a premier shooting guard," Reid said. "In the first quarter, all I could see was Ray Williams' chest, face and the little curls on his head. I really wanted Ray Williams to work for his points."

Spurs 126, Nuggets 121: George Gervin followed up a 49-point effort in his previous

game with 38 more and Mike Mitchell added 27 as San Antonio held off a frantic Denver rally and posted its fourth straight victory. The Spurs had a 118-115 lead with five minutes left, but the Nuggets then went on a 12-1 tear and pulled away from 119-117.

Lakers 126, Warriors 106: Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored 26 points, Jamaal Wilkes added 24 and Bob McAdoo had 22 for Los Angeles, which put the game out of reach by scoring eight consecutive points late in the third quarter for a 73-56 advantage.

Celtics 127, Trail Blazers 117: Four Celtics scored more than 20 points each and Larry Bird hit key points in the closing minutes after 22 ties and 14 lead changes. Bird, in addition to his 25 points had 12 assists and three steals. Robert Parish scored 27 points to lead the Celtics, and had a game-high 18 rebounds. Cedric Maxwell added 23 points and Gerald Henderson had 22.

76ers 132, SuperSonics 122: Eddie Johnson scored 34 points and John Drew added 31 as Atlanta snapped Seattle's 10-game home court winning streak and dropped the Sonics into second place in the Pacific Division, one game behind Los Angeles. Drew scored 18 of his points after regulation play before fouling out in the fourth overtime, playing most of the overtimes with a dislocated finger on his shooting hand.

Suns 104, Knicks 90: Len "Truck" Robinson scored 29 points and Dennis Johnson hit 20 of his 28 in the first-half as Phoenix posted only the second triumph in its last 10 road games and handed New York its fourth loss in-a-row. The Suns led 58-46 at half-time and built the margin to 70-52 with 7:24 left in the third quarter as Kyle Macy scored 10 of his 18 points in the period.

As three records fall

Mary Decker runs the fastest women's mile

SAN DIEGO, California Feb. 20 (AP) — Mary Decker Tabb ran the fastest women's mile (1.6 km) ever recorded indoors or outdoors, a time of 4 minutes, 20.5 seconds, in Friday night's San Diego Invitational Indoor Track Meet.

Decker Tabb's time shaved 1.2 seconds off her own previous world best clocking on the boards set last week. She was also faster than the outdoor world record of 4:20.89 set by the Soviet Union's Lyudmila Veselkova in 1981.

Decker Tabb had run a 4:17.55 mile indoors two years ago, but it was not recognized because it was run on the Houston Astrodome's oversized track. Never threatened, Decker Tabb had a 12-second margin of victory over runnerup Francie Larrieu Friday night.

Also in the meet at the San Diego Sports Arena, Whillie Banks turned in the best triple jump ever indoors, but an apparent world standard by Evelyn Ashford in the women's 60-dash was wiped out by a timing malfunction.

Ashford seemed to shatter the world indoor mark in the women's dash with a clocking



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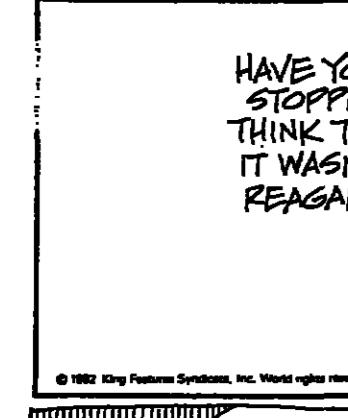
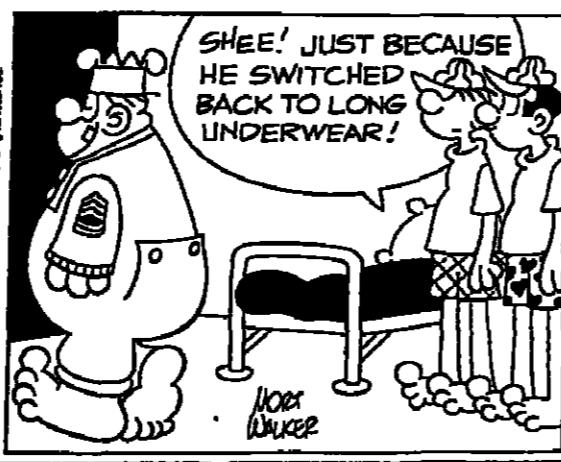
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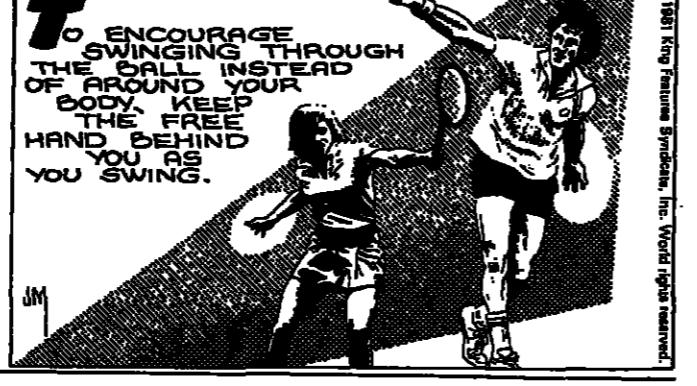
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake



FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1982

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Morning hours are best for socializing. Later on you'll meet with those who promise more than they can deliver. Avoid overdoing.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Present ideas to those in authority. Business conferences go well, as long as you stick to the facts and avoid foolish schemes.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

You function well in the role

of adviser now. It's a good time to meet with business agents, but avoid carelessness about details.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Make important decisions regarding overall security. Mental rapport with a close friend is assured. Curb a tendency to extravagance.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Talking things over with friends leads to mutual understanding. Towards

nightfall, you'll tend to go overboard entertaining.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Morning is a very special time for accomplishment. Your business ideas are worthwhile, provided you don't neglect important details.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Creatively, you're productive before noon. Impromptu visits are fortunate, but use good judgment when shopping. Be discriminating.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Apartment-hunters have luck and it's a fortunate time for domestic decisions — providing you don't plan to spend beyond your means.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

A busy schedule finds you

hurrying about, but be sure to be on time for appointments. Curb a tendency to exaggerate or procrastinate.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You'll exercise good judgment when shopping, but later, in the company of friends, you could be careless and spend too much on good times.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

An unexpected invitation to a party should please you. Mentally you're sharp and communicative, but steer clear of dubious career ventures.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

This is a good time for mental work, reading and other private pursuits. Be sure to live up to the dictates of your conscience.

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4:00 Quran	7:00 News	8:15 Wings
— Program Preview	9:30 Wild Life Safari	9:30 Wild Life
4:15 Modern Mathematics	9:45 Civilization	10:15 Hot Hat
4:45 Children's Program	9:45 Tomorrow's Program	10:30 Saliven
5:15 Arabic Program	10:30 News	DUBAI Channel 33
5:30 Train Program	10:30 Quran	5:15 Quran
7:15 Islamic Seminars	11:00 Quran	6:00 Quran
7:45 English News	11:30 Quran	6:30 Disneyland
English Song	12:00 Quran	7:15 Camel Camera
8:00 Arabic News	12:30 Quran	7:30 Market Personal
— Program Preview	12:45 Quran	7:45 Two's Company (Benson)
— Daily Series	12:45 Quran	8:00 The Runways
— Selected Songs	12:45 Quran	8:30 Islamic Horizons
— Poetry Series	12:45 Quran	8:45 Weathering Heights (The
— Children	12:45 Quran	9:00 World News
Bahrain Channel 4	12:45 Quran	10:00 World News
4:00 Quran	12:45 Quran	10:30 Feature Film
— Religious Talk	12:45 Quran	12:00 Countdown
4:20 Program Preview	12:45 Quran	Oman
4:25 Cartoons	12:45 Quran	4:02 Quran
4:30 Children's Series	12:45 Quran	4:10 Religious Talks
5:20 360 Degrees	12:45 Quran	4:20 Program Preview
6:00 Health Program	12:45 Quran	4:20 Cartoons
6:30 Pandas my Guests	12:45 Quran	4:30 Zemah (Arabic Cartoon)
7:00 Daily Arabic Series	12:45 Quran	5:20 Quran
7:30 Arabic News	12:45 Quran	5:30 Literacy Lesson Book 2
8:20 Arabic News Review	12:45 Quran	6:00 The World Around Us
9:30 Tomorrow's Programs	12:45 Quran	6:48 Songs
9:35 Arabic Series	12:45 Quran	7:00 Happy Valley
10:25 Enemy at the Door	12:45 Quran	7:30 Arabic Series

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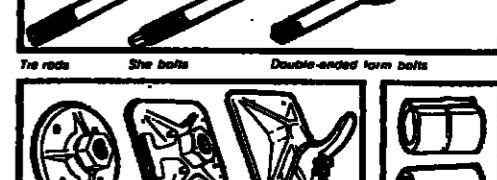
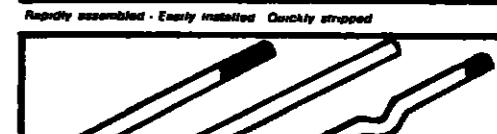
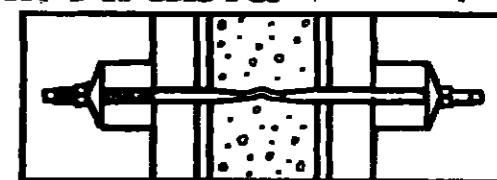
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